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## CONDITIONS IN PACKING HOUSES

### President Roosevelt Exposes Their Secrets.

Recommends Strictest Governmental  
Inspection Before Product Can  
Be Shipped Out.

#### EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE

President Roosevelt today submitted to congress the report of James Bronson Reynolds and Charles P. Nell into the conditions of the packing houses, with recommendations. The chief complaint is that while government inspection is necessary to export meat it is not necessary for interstate commerce. The president also points out that government inspection goes only to the healthfulness of the animal, while the conditions under which the meat is prepared is ignored.

#### The Message.

The message in part is as follows: The report shows that the stock yards and packing houses are not kept even reasonably clean, and that the method of handling and preparing food products is unclean and dangerous to health. Under existing law the national government has no power to enforce inspection of the many forms of prepared meat food products that are daily going from the packing houses into interstate commerce. Owing to an inadequate appropriation the department of agriculture is not even able to place inspectors in all establishments desiring them. The present law prohibits the shipment of uninspected meat to foreign countries, but there is no provision forbidding the shipment of uninspected meats in interstate commerce, and thus the avenues of interstate commerce are left open to traffic in diseased or spoiled meats. If, as has been alleged on seemingly good authority further evils exist, such as the improper use of chemicals and dyes, the government lacks power to remedy them. A law is needed which will enable the inspectors of the general government to inspect and supervise from the hoof to the cage the preparation of the meat food product. The evil seems to be much less in the sale of dressed carcasses than in the sale of canned and other prepared products.

In my judgment the expense of the inspection should be paid by a fee levied on each animal slaughtered. If this is not done, the whole purpose of the law can at any time be defeated through an insufficient appropriation.

The alarm expressed in certain quarters concerning this feature should be allayed by a realization of the fact that in no case, under such a law, will the cost of inspection exceed 8 cents per head.

I call special attention to the fact that this report is preliminary, and that the investigation is still unfinished.

Let me repeat that under the present law there is practically no method of stopping these abuses if they should be discovered to exist. Legislation is needed in order to prevent the possibility of all abuses in the future. If no legislation is passed, then the excellent results accomplished by the work of this special committee will endure only so long as the memory of the committee's work is fresh, and a recrudescence of the abuses is absolutely certain.

#### The Report.

"The President:

"As directed by you, we investigated the conditions in the principal establishments in Chicago engaged in the slaughter of cattle, sheep and hogs and in the preparation of dressed meat and meat-food products. Two and a half weeks were spent in the investigation in Chicago, and during this time we went through the principal packing houses in the stock yards district, together with a few of the smaller ones. A day was spent by Mr. Reynolds in New York City in the investigation of several of its leading slaughter houses.

"Before entering the buildings we noted the condition of the yards themselves as shown in the pavement pens, viaducts and platforms. The pavement is mostly of brick, the bricks laid with deep grooves between them, which inevitably fill with manure and refuse. Such pavement can not be properly cleaned and is slimy and malodorous when wet, yielding clouds of ill-smelling dust when dry. The pens are generally uncovered except those for sheep; those latter are paved and covered. The viaducts and plat-

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The circulation of The Sun for May averaged 4,001 a day. When you advertise in The Sun you know what you are doing—you are not buying space, but circulation.

#### MUNICIPAL PLANT.

Plan for Its Rehabilitation Being Matured.

John W. Holmes, engineer of the Paducah Water company, who was selected by the board of public works to estimate what would be needed to put the city light plant in first class condition, will meet with the board of public works this afternoon and submit three propositions for improvement of the plant. These propositions were not sufficiently matured to report today. The present electrical apparatus is old and uncertain.

## MUST STAY

THE REV. A. C. HLEN DECLINES  
ANOTHER CALL.

Popular Pastor of German Lutheran  
Church Granted a Vacation  
By Congregation.

The popularity of Rev. A. C. Hlen, pastor of the Paducah German Lutheran church on South Fourth street, is widespread, and yesterday he received a flattering call, the second within a few weeks, to leave Paducah.

The Rev. Hlen was called to a church in Dubuque, Iowa, and the offer was a flattering one. He presented the matter to his congregation yesterday, and it was voted unanimously to refuse. This is the second call Rev. Hlen has had within a few weeks to leave Paducah, and it is the second time his congregation has refused to consider his leaving.

The first call was made by a church in Yorktown, Iowa, and in recognition of Rev. Hlen's faithful work his congregation voted him a three weeks' vacation. He will leave today to take it, going to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, his former home.

#### FAMILY REUNION.

Children and Families Surprise Mr.  
and Mrs. N. J. Bowland.

A family reunion, an entire surprise to the parents, was held yesterday near Stiles, Ky., a few miles east of Paducah, by the children of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Bowland. Every child and grandchild living was present at the reunion. It had been arranged quietly and the families "ran in" without ceremony.

Those present, the heads of the families, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bowland, W. H. Bowland, family; county: Charles Bowland, family, city; J. Walter Bowland, family, city; J. R. Culp, family, county; U. K. Lecky, family, city; Bud Culp, family, city; Mrs. Ida Duke, family, city; Lloyd Goheen, family, county; William Hill, family, county; Messrs. Isham, John and Brantly Bowland, city.

The family spread a regular picnic dinner in the woods, and a most delightful day was spent. The children were entertained by a candy hunt and a prize was won by Miss Pansy May Bowland, second daughter of Mr. William Bowland.

#### NO SUCCESSOR.

Yet Chosen for Miss Farley, Whose  
Work Is Appreciated.

The Riverside hospital board voted resolutions expressing their estimation of Miss Farley who recently resigned as superintendent at the hospital. Her successor will not be selected until the meeting of the board next month, but it is probable that it will be a promotion of one of the nurses now at the hospital who has been there a year.

#### Suit for Divorce.

Ernest H. Wheeler has filed suit in circuit court against his wife, Mamie Wheeler, alleging she threw his clothes into the street and abandoned him. They married March, 1905, and separated in April, same year.

#### At the Old Home.

Mrs. Lizzie Hill and family are holding a reunion at Metropolis today. Mrs. Hill lives on Madison street near Eighth street and has a family numbering about one dozen. Metropolis is her old home.

## SENATOR GORMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Member From Maryland Had  
Been Ill Several Months.

Former Page in Senate Returned to  
Washington to Represent His  
State.

#### THE END COMES UNEXPECTEDLY

Washington, June 4.—United States Senator Arthur Pao Gorman, of Maryland, died at his home here this morning. Senator Gorman had been in poor health some time but death came rather unexpectedly.

Senator Gorman was one of the most remarkable men in public life in America. Until quite recently when he surrendered to Senator Bailey he was leader of the minority forces in the upper house. He was an astute politician and was repeatedly mentioned as a probable candidate for the presidency on the Democratic ticket, an ambition he was known to cherish. He was at one time page in the senate and learned his first lesson in politics there. He was a professional baseball player and rose to the position of senator without any ordinary advantages.

Senator Bailey announced Gorman's death in the senate today and adjournment taken. According to the dead senator's wish the funeral will be private and not from the senate chamber.

#### Dr. Hearne's Father Dies.

Dr. R. E. Hearne's father died at Lebanon, Tenn., yesterday. He was 74 years old and a highly respected citizen of that town. Dr. Hearne will return in a few days to this city, where he has practiced for some time. The funeral will take place in Cedar Grove, Tenn., tomorrow.

## GAME LAWS

WILL BE ENFORCED AGAINST  
ILLINOIS SPORTSMEN.

Claimed That They Go to the Barlow  
Lakes in Ballard County on  
Sunday.

Authorities in Ballard county are preparing to institute a vigorous prosecution of Illinois sportsmen because of their violation of Kentucky game laws, and some arrests likely will be made this week.

The Kentucky game laws bear the same relation to Illinois as a state as the Illinois state laws do to Kentucky. Kentuckians are not permitted to go into Illinois to hunt and fish out of the season and in some instances are not permitted to carry their guns into Illinois unless it be "broken" and in the case.

Complaint has been constantly made of sportsmen leaving Cairo and Mound City and coming to the Barlow lakes in Ballard county, Ky., on Sunday during week days to hunt and fish. Residents in that section who are interested in the preservation of game have protested and one arrest was last week made. A sportsman Carroll by name, was fined \$20 and costs, it is said, for hunting in Kentucky. He came from Illinois and invaded the Barlow lake section.

The sheriff of Ballard threatens to post deputies and have all the Illinois sportsmen who come into Kentucky to hunt and fish arrested and the prosecution will be vigorous.

The practice was ignored until the hunters began to come over on the Sabbath.

#### METROPOLITAN

Is Appearance of Wallace Park Every  
Sunday Night.

Paducah has a real metropolitan park in Wallace park, and last night it presented the gayest appearance imaginable. It was Sunday night and the park was lively, as much as any week day night. The free Sunday show was going in full blast and the auxiliary attractions were also drawing well. There are cane racks, moving machine pictures, merry-go-round and other forms of amusement for those who desire to spend a pleasant evening away from the city. The opening of the park on Sunday night is meeting with favor generally and the action is applauded.

#### SENATOR BURTON RESIGNS.

Topeka, Kas., June 4.—United States Senator Burton has resigned. Burton was convicted by the federal court at St. Louis on the charge of practicing before the postoffice department while a senator and sentenced to six months in jail.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

German Evangelical Children Will  
Go to Woods.

The Sunday school of the German Evangelical church will have its picnic Thursday the 7th at Cold Springs on the Benton road. All pupils are requested to be at the church on South Fifth street by 8 o'clock in the morning if they wish to attend.

## WEEK IN SCHOOLS WILL BE BUSY ONE

Suppressed Excitement Just  
Before Vacation.

Every Night Until After Commencement  
Will Be Celebrated in  
High School.

#### FRESHMAN RECEPTION FIRST.

Today is the beginning of the week in the city schools, and there is pent-up excitement among the pupils generally, ready to break out the minute Wednesday morning comes. Today the test examinations were begun and will continue through Wednesday. Wednesday will close the schools for the summer and a three months' vacation.

Supt. C. M. Lieb was ill today and unable to be at his office. Principal E. G. Payne acted for him this morning in the general teachers' meeting at the high school. The teachers were instructed relative to the test examinations and the tests were begun immediately after the sounding of the gong calling the pupils to their desks.

The senior class was dismissed Friday for the remainder of the week. The only work this class will do this week will be rehearsing the commencement and class day exercises. This will require but little time the class being well up in both programs.

#### A Busy Week.

This will be the busiest week in the history of the local schools. There will be a class day, commencement night, both white and colored, and three receptions, besides the final test examinations and the other features attending the close of schools.

The following is the program for the week:

Monday night—Reception given to the seniors by the freshman class.

Tuesday night—Reception given to the seniors by the sophomore and junior classes.

Wednesday night—Class day exercises.

Thursday night—Commencement at the Kentucky theater.

Friday night—Reception given the senators by the Alumni association.

Friday night—Commencement of colored graduates.

The receptions given the seniors by the three under classes, will be given in the hall on the third floor of the high school building. The Alumni association reception will be given at the Eagle hall, Broadway and Sixth streets.

## ATTORNEYSHIP

SOUGHT BY SEVERAL ASPIRANTS  
IN THE DISTRICT.

J. C. Speight, of Mayfield, Apparently  
Has Lead and Strong Endorsement for Place.

Washington, June 4.—Among the names mentioned in connection with the vacancy left by the death of United States District Attorney Hill, are those of A. E. Wilson, W. C. Owens, W. O. Bradley and George Durrell, of Louisville; Walker Wilkins, of Elkton; M. L. Heaverin, of Hartford, and J. C. Speight, of Mayfield.

Mr. Speight probably is the strongest candidate in the fight. He has the endorsement of every district committee in the state of Kentucky and announce that he is in the fight to win.

## MAY NOT REQUIRE DAIRY LICENSE

City Officials Considering Re-  
vocation of Present Law.

It is Claimed That Its Enforcement is  
Driving Many Farmers Away  
From Paducah.

#### HUCKSTERS IN SAME STATUS

It is rumored that the dairy license law may be revoked and milk dealers be allowed to sell their product without securing a permit. The reason given is that farmers who come to town once a week and sell a few gallons of buttermilk and a few pounds of butter are driven away from Paducah and their trade is lost.

River men have reported that Illinois farmers who come to Paducah are talking about doing their trading at Metropolis in the future, as they are met at the wharf by the license inspector. Whatever justification there may be in the complaints of the farmers the complaints have reached official quarters. Of course the license inspector has nothing to do but to enforce the law as he understands it as long as the law exists. The statement is made in official circles that the law never was intended to reach the farmer who does not regularly deal in milk. There are fifty licensed dealers.

The same state of affairs is said to exist in regard to hucksters and farmers who bring a small amount of truck to the city.

#### Installation Services.

The Knights of Columbus will have another installation service here out the St. Francis de Sales Catholic church on June 24. The choir is preparing beautiful music for the occasion, and will be augmented by several local soloists of note.

## CHILD SCALDED

HANDLE O' COFFEE POT BREAKS  
AND CONTENTS SPILLED.

Willie Atwood Receives Severe Burns  
On Breast and Lower Part  
of His Body.

Willie Atwood, son of C. J. Atwood, of 314 Adams street, was badly scalded this morning by a pot of hot coffee falling from the hands of his mother. He was sitting at the breakfast table next to the wall so that he could not dodge, and the handle of the coffee pot broke throwing the hot coffee over his breast and lower body. He suffered considerably until the injury was dressed.

#### TO ASYLUM

Insane Murderer From Ohio County  
Will Go.

Hiram Powers, of Ohio county, Kentucky, shot and killed James Renfro several years ago and was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty-one years. His attorneys worked hard for him, alleging that he was insane and the opinion of experts secured. Dr. H. P. Sights, of this city, who was several years in the Hopkinsville asylum as an expert was called in conference and gave expert testimony. The matter was dragged into the higher courts and was last week decided. Powers was adjudged insane but the decision read that the court sentence could not be set aside. He was taken to Eddyville to the state prison. Later Gov. Beckham ordered him removed to the asylum at Hopkinsville, which will be done this week.

#### THIEVES

Are Busy in Paducah and Touch Several People.

Mrs. Ed Hansen, of Kentucky avenue near Fourth street, reports the loss of several fine chickens from her chicken coop last night.

J. E. Martin, of Smithville, Tenn., reports the loss of a fine gold watch. He was drinking Saturday night and fell asleep in one or two places.

J. B. Englehart, of 711 Jefferson street, reports the loss of a set of harness from his stables.

Memphis cannot possibly get a new union depot before 1908.

#### THE WEATHER.

Increasing cloudiness probably followed by local thunder showers is the forecast for tonight or Tuesday. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 90 and the lowest reached today was 68.

#### MORE EXAMINATIONS.

Half Hundred Openings in Government Civil Service.

Authority for two more examinations for positions in civil service was received this morning by Fred Ashton, civil service examiner.

The examinations are for positions as architectural draughtsman, male, in the Philippine service, July 5-6, and hospital interne, male, Panama canal service, July 5-6. This will make about half a hundred subjects for examinations, and the examiner will be kept pretty busy this summer.

## BANNER YEAR

PROMISED IN BUSINESS OF  
PADUCAH POSTOFFICE.

Receipts for Month of May, Instead  
of Decrease, Show Increase  
of \$331.64.

The official report of the Paducah postoffice department shows instead of a decrease, as at first, an increase in the receipts over May 1905. The report was finished today and shows the local department took in \$331.64 more during May, 1906, than May, 1905. This is evidence of the rapid growth of Paducah and the increasing business in the postoffice shows the mercantile business is on the jump. The postoffice receipts have gradually grown this year and if they continue, will mean a banner year for the Paducah postoffice.

#### IN THE YARDS

Engineers Are Surveying for Change  
of Tracks.

The preliminaries in the work of remodeling the Illinois Central shop yards were started this morning, and active work in the reconstruction of tracks and leads will follow next week, possibly sooner. Engineers began staking off the surveys this morning and will have the plans and profiles necessary to the work finished this week.

Master Car Builder T. M. Baughan, of the Illinois Central, is ill at the railroad hospital. He is suffering from malaria and is reported better today. Mr. Baughan was taken ill last Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Watson, night ticket agent-operator at the local Illinois Central passenger station, has gone home to Hopkinsville to visit his family. He was taken ill last week and will remain away until entirely recovered. It is thought he will return to work by Thursday.

#### IN THE STREET.

Well Known Liveryman Is Charged  
With Playing Ball.

The order issued from the board of fire and police commissioners to Chief of Police James Collins relative to the open violation of city ordinances is beginning to bear fruits, and the first arrest for a violation of the ordinance prohibiting ball playing on the streets was made yesterday.

#### END COMES.

District Attorney Reuben Hill Dies at  
Williamsburg.

Williamsburg, Ky., June 4.—The Hon. Reuben D. Hill, district attorney for the Western Kentucky district, died here at 10:35 o'clock Saturday. Mr. Hill had been in failing health for many months and the end was expected.

#### Deeds Filed.

Albert Moore and others to Ella M. Neill, for \$352, property in the O'Bryan addition.

Edgar W. Whittemore to M. Jones, for \$1,800, property in the Whittemore North Side addition.

Edgar W. Whittemore to J. M. Jones, for \$1 and other consideration, property in the Whittemore North Side addition.

K. D. Suell to Teodolia Suell, for \$1 and other consideration, property in the Worten North Side addition.

## JUVENILE COURT ENTAILS EXPENSE

Detention Home and Probation  
Officers Required.

Judge Lightfoot May Undertake to  
Evade Some of the Provisions  
of the Law.

#### NOT NECESSARY IN PADUCAH

Extra expense without resulting benefits may cause some discontent with the juvenile court, and unless the act is obligatory McCracken county may not have a juvenile court—in name. The act originally was intended for Louisville, where from 100 to 150 juvenile offenders are arrested every month, but McCracken county with not that many in a half dozen years is made by the provisions of the law actually to assume a heavier burden of expense. The law provides for two probation officers, at salaries of \$1,200 and \$900 annually and a receiving home under the care of a superintendent and matron at salaries of \$1,000 annually. Children under 14 years of age can not be placed in a jail, under penalty of \$100 fine for the officer violating the act. Consequently the detention home will need bars for the safe guarding of some of the youthful offenders.

The law applies to neglected, delinquent and dependent male children under 17 years of age and female children under eighteen years of age. Jurisdiction of their cases, except for felonies, is taken away from magistrates and vested in the county judge exclusively. He is given almost absolute discretion in the matter of the disposition of these little ones.

Judge Lightfoot and Judge Sanders agree on the subject; that in this city and county children are given as much consideration in the police court and county court now as they can ever receive in a juvenile court. Neither tribunal is so rushed but that the merits of each case can be gone into, and judgment passed for the good of the defendant. In Louisville it is different. There the police court is so rushed that each case depends entirely on the usual legal evidence, and judgment is rendered according to the surface merits of the case rather than the needs of the individual involved.

For this reason Judge Lightfoot said he will look carefully into the law and dispense with whatever expense he can. Probably there will be no probation officer appointed. The penalty for placing a child in jail may compel the establishment of a home for juvenile offenders, unless arrangements can be made for the child's detention in some less expensive manner. There would not be more than two or three inmates of that \$1,000 institution in a year.

One of the best provisions of the law is the constitution of a visitation committee composed of not less than six nor more than ten citizens of either sex, who serve without salary and visit institutions wherein children coming within jurisdiction of the court are kept and report on their condition and the progress of the children. This will serve to interest some public-minded citizens in matters of reform and prove a blessing to the community in that way.

#### The Law.

Some of the provisions of the law are:

This act shall apply only to male children 17 years of age or under, and to female children 18 years of age or under, who are not inmates of a state institution or institutions incorporated under the laws of the state of Kentucky for the care and correction of children, or of any reform school for juvenile offenders.

The words "delinquent child" shall include any male child 17 years of age, or under, and any female child 18 years of age or under, who violates any law of this state; or who is incorrigible; or who knowingly associates with thieves, vicious or immoral persons; or who, without just cause and without the consent of its parents or custodian, absents itself from home or place of abode; or who is growing up in idleness or crime; or who knowingly visits or enters a house of ill-repute; or who knowingly patronizes or visits any policy shop, or place where any gaming device is or shall be operated; or who patronizes or visits any saloon or dram shop where intoxicating liquors are sold; or who patronizes or visits any public pool room or bucket shop; or

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